

Canaan Schools

Re-opening Update

July 21, 2020

Dear Parents, Students and Guardians,

Canaan School District has established new procedures for arrival to school which adhere to the Safe and Healthy Guidance from the Vermont Agency of Education and the Vermont Department of Health on the reopening of schools this fall.

Bus Transportation

In addition to the bus driver, all busses will have a bus monitor riding with them for the purpose of ensuring the required daily health check. We will be providing all families with a thermometer and asking a member of the household to do a daily temperature check and complete a daily health check form. The health check form will document that the student does not have any of the following symptoms: fever over 100.4, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell. This form must be provided to the bus monitor before allowing the student on the bus. Should the form not accompany the student, the bus monitor will complete the health check to determine if the student is cleared to ride the bus.

If a student is not cleared to be admitted to the bus, the bus driver will radio to the school to notify the family of this decision. It will be imperative that as a family you have a plan in place if this should happen and keep the school informed of any changes to your contact information. Hand sanitizer dispensers will be made available upon entry and exit of the bus. The bus will have assigned seating and face coverings must always be worn while on the bus. Upon arrival to school, the bus monitor will escort the students to their respective buildings; students will make their way to their classrooms and or homeroom.

Busses are scheduled to arrive at school at 7:35; further communication will be forthcoming regarding your bus pickup time.

Parent Transportation

Parents should enter school grounds using the entrance by the ballfield on Route 102. Drop off time will be

7:45 AM between the two buildings. It is important that families adhere to these times due to procedures for health screenings. Upon arrival, a staff health screener will greet your children at your vehicle. We will be providing all families with a thermometer and asking a member of the household to do a daily temperature check and complete a daily health check form. The health check form will document that the student does not have any of the following: fever over 100.4, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell. This form must be provided to the health screener before admittance to school will be permitted. Should the form not accompany the student, the health screener will complete the health check to determine if the student is cleared to attend school. Once cleared students will go to their respective buildings and make their way to their classrooms and or homeroom.

Walkers/Student Drivers

Arrival time for walkers and student drivers will be 7:45 AM. It is important that families adhere to these times due to procedures for health screenings. Upon arrival, a staff health screener will greet your children at the door of their school building. We will be providing all families with a thermometer and asking a member of the household to do a daily temperature check and

complete a daily health check form. The health check form will document that the student does not have any of the following: fever over 100.4, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell. This form must be provided to the health screener before admittance to school will be permitted. Should the form not accompany the student, the health screener will complete the health check to determine if the student is cleared to attend school. If the student is not cleared, they will be immediately isolated and required to go home. All students that are cleared will make their way to their classrooms and or homeroom.

Preschool

Arrival time for preschool will be between 8:15- 8:30 AM. It is important that families adhere to these times due to procedures for health screenings. Upon arrival, a staff health screener will greet your children at the door of the school building. We will be providing all families with a thermometer and asking a member of the household to do a daily temperature check and complete a daily health check form. The health check form will document that the student does not have any of the following: fever over 100.4, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell. This form must be provided to the health screener before admittance to school will be permitted. Should the form not accompany the student, the health screener will complete the health check to determine if the student is cleared to attend school. If the student is not cleared, they will be immediately isolated and required to go home. All students that are cleared will make their way to their classroom.

Parent Escorts

Parents will not be allowed to escort their children to their classrooms (except preschool students in which case parents will also need to be screened by the health screener and follow the guidelines of mask usage just as students do.) If any parent has a concern regarding limiting parent escorts to the classroom, please reach out to us.

We will continue to prioritize the safety of children, staff and families using the guidelines given to us to enable children to return to school in a safe and healthy way. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at kconroy@ensvt.org, dlynch@canaanschools.org, or mprehemo@canaanschools.org.

Stay safe and healthy,
Karen E. Conroy Superintendent
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Link: <http://www.canaanschools.org/>